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## **January 31 is Deadline to Qualify for PFD Early Direct Deposit**

**Juneau** – The deadline to qualify for the 2008 PFD early direct deposit is rapidly approaching. Applicants wishing to qualify for early distribution of their PFD in the October 2, 2008 early direct deposit need to apply online by midnight, January 31 at [www.pfd.alaska.gov](http://www.pfd.alaska.gov).

PFD Director Deborah Richter encourages applicants to file online, "Applying online is fast and efficient. Applicants immediately receive a confirmation number – proof that the PFD Division has received their application." As of January 28, over 315,000 Alaskans had applied online, up 40,000 applications from the same time period in 2007.

According to Richter, "If trends follow 2007, we expect to receive over 50,000 additional online applications in the last four days of January." In 2007, close to 24,000 applicants applied on January 31, and it was the third largest day for 2007 online filings.

Every Alaskan can apply online for their 2008 PFD. Alaskans who register for a myAlaska account can electronically sign their PFD application through the state's myAlaska program. Additionally, Alaskans may still retroactively electronically sign (retro eSign) their PFD applications. Applicants choosing to eSign or retro eSign will need a current Alaska driver's license or an Alaska ID card and must have received a dividend in 2007. Adults with a myAlaska account may also eSign for any applicant they sponsor. PFD applicants choosing to retro eSign will not need to submit a paper signature page.

Public computers are available in the PFD Information Offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau, and PFD staff can assist applicants with the online application and electronic signature processes. Applicants may email [dor.pfd.info@alaska.gov](mailto:dor.pfd.info@alaska.gov) with questions or may call the Division's toll-free number 1-800-733-8813 for assistance.

Eligible applicants who apply online in January and select and qualify for direct deposit will get paid in the early direct deposit on October 2, 2008. All other eligible applicants who select and qualify for direct deposit will get paid on October 16. The 2008 application period closes March 31, and the 2008 dividend amount will be announced mid-September, 2008.

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